

Amendment to the Specification:

Please replace the first paragraph in the section entitled CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS, which is located after the title, with the following:

This Application is related to the following U.S. Patent Applications/~~Patents~~:

U.S. Serial No. 10/342,475, filed January 16, 2003, entitled "BROMINATION OF HYDROXYAROMATIC COMPOUNDS AND FURTHER CONVERSION TO DIHYDROXYAROMATIC COMPOUNDS", ~~now U.S. Patent No. _____~~
~~issued _____~~;

U.S. Serial No. 10/650,566, filed August 28, 2003, entitled "BROMINATION OF HYDROXYAROMATIC COMPOUNDS", ~~now U.S. Patent No. _____~~ issued
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U.S. Serial No. 10/650,567, filed August 28, 2003, "SELECTIVE CATALYTIC OXYBROMINATION OF HYDROXYAROMATIC COMPOUNDS", ~~now U.S. Patent~~
~~No. _____~~ issued ~~_____~~;

Each of these Applications/~~Patents~~ is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.